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On May 16, 1985, Yee Cho of DEQE, Lori Stevenson of Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health, and I drove and walked around the east and west banks of the Acushnet River Estuary above the Coggeshall Street Bridge. The purpose of this site visit was to fully investigate possible access areas, noting those areas designated in an August 15, 1984, letter from Richard Bird (National Campaign Against Toxic Hazards) to Gerry Sotolongo of EPA.

West Side of the Acushnet River Estuary

- (1) Coggeshall St. Bridge to Coffin St. Cove: Private parking lot abutts the estuary; industrial area, but possibly a target area for posting signs.
- (2) Coffin St. Cove: (south side) Overgrown, industrial area, not easily accessible; fencing also not practicable due to lack of endpoints. (north side) Playground abutting the estuary in a residential area close to a well-travelled street; #1 area for fencing (approx. 150-200 yds.) between two existing buildings (Mutterpie (sp?) Co. and Mars More Value Co.) and for sign posting.

(3) Side Streets/Company Driveways:

Coffin St.: open, but industrial, private area; emphasis on insuring limited access.

Cameo Curtain Co.: fence exist, emphasis on keeping gates closed

Fiber Leather Co.: fence exists w/ gates, emphasis on closing gates on both sides.

Howard Ave./River St.: no existing fence, a residential area adjacent to vacant and grassed land area that borders the shoreline; fencing does not appear to be feasible without identifiable endpoints but possibly an area for signs.

Wood St. Bridge-North: easily accessible, need sampling to determine contamination levels.

East Side of the Acushnet River Estuary

Generally, a residential area which does not allow easy access to the estuary due to existing homes and structures and/or overgrown shrubbery, woods, and wetlands. For instance, the dirt bike paths near the Titielist Co. and Acushnet Nursing Home do not lead to the estuary, rather, these paths are upland of overgrown wetlands which are along the shore. This area does not readily lend itself to fencing. Notes on specific streets are as follows:

Lawson Avenue: Trek to the shoreline through woods, etc. Baiting activity noted by parked van and conversation with the driver. Possibly an area to post bilingual signs.

Sea Hawk Bait & Tackle (Panel of truck)
229 (?) Coggeshall St.
New Bedford, MA

Burr Ave: Residential area with spilt post fence upland (dead-end street). Residence block access.

Springhill St.: Dead-end, private property.

Sycamore St.: Residential structures block access.

Magnolia Ave.: Private property; possibly post signs.

The attached memo summarizes our follow-up recommendations.